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Call for 2014 Title II Project Proposals

Olympia, WA - Olympic National Forest is soliciting proposals for Title II projects to be initiated in fiscal year 2014. Funding will be provided through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act which was reauthorized for another year. This act provides payments to counties as compensation for the loss of tax income associated with federal land within their boundaries.

Title II projects are designed to enhance forest ecosystems, restore and improve water quality and land health, or improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure. By law, projects must be located on National Forest System land or provide benefit to resources on National Forest lands. Past projects have included watershed restoration, stream stabilization, invasive plant treatments, and road maintenance.

The Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will review the proposals and recommend projects for funding. The RAC represents a wide variety of citizen interests and members are residents of each of the peninsula counties. RAC duties have been expanded to include monitoring projects and making recommendations for appropriate changes. The Forest Supervisor will review RAC recommendations to ensure projects meet the provisions of the law prior to final approval for project implementation.

More information is available at the following websites: <http://www.fs.fed.us/srs/> and <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/pts/specialprojects/racs>. Project submission forms are available on Olympic National Forest's website at http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/olympic/workingtogether/advisorycommittees/?cid=fsbdev3_049547. Hard copy submission forms are available at the Supervisor's Office in Olympia, WA and at district offices in Quilcene and Forks, WA.

Please submit completed forms electronically to Bill Shelmerdine at bshelmerdine@fs.fed.us. Hard copies can be mailed to Olympic National Forest, Attention: Bill Shelmerdine, 1835 Black Lake Blvd SW, Olympia, WA 98512.

Applications must be submitted by 3/28/2014. For additional information, please contact Bill Shelmerdine at 360-956-2282.

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